"Building Our Community One Family At A Time"

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I. Bringing Us Together

Create a fiscally responsible government that's more efficient, effective and easier for citizens to connect with.

Metro & Cabinet News

ayor Jerry Abramson's Community Conversations continue on the 3rd Monday of each month.

These on-site and on-line events provide opportunities to share whatever might be on your mind! So, mark your calendars now for these sessions in 2005:

May 16: Atherton High School Small Gym, 3000 Dundee Road.

<u>June 20:</u> Westport Middle School Gym, 8100 Westport Road

<u>July 18:</u> Carter Elementary School Cafeteria, 3600 Bohne Avenue

For more information and the complete list of dates: http://

www.loukymetro.org/mayor/ CommunityConversa-tions.asp.

ver 260 people attended the annual Office of Youth Development, Youth Service Workers Awards Dinner Ceremony held on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at Masterson's Restaurant. Mr. Gordon Brown, Home of the Innocents, and Mr. Edgardo Mansilla, Americana Community Center, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to individuals who have clearly and consistently gone above and beyond in reaching out to help the youth in our community.

Ten individuals were honored with the Youth Service Worker Award for their continued service excellence in working with youth. These honorees are listed below:

Ms. Latonya Carter, New Directions Housing Corporation, Smoketown Learning Center

Ms. Beth Caruso, Devers Youth Center, Ft. Knox, Kentucky

Reverend Charmayne Davis, Clothe-A-Child

Mr. Byron Fitzpatrick, Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc.

Ms. Robin Nelson, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs, Portland Center

Ms. Kim Stevenson Perry, Crums Lane Elementary

Mr. Bill Thompson, YMCA Safe Place Services

Ms. Katie Thompson, Louisville Metro Health Department

Ms. R. Shashu Tucker, Louisville Urban League

Ms. Angela Wilson, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana

Twenty-three individuals received the Youth Service Worker Training Award. This award is given each year to persons who meet a minimum standard of participation in our Youth Service Worker Training Program. They are:

Trish Berry, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (YES) Latonia Bland, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB) Leslie Brown, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB) Sarah Buechler, Fairdale Area Community Ministries Jewel Christian, Family Worship Center



Recipients of the Youth Service Workers Awards

Tonya Cowden, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB)

Latisha Gazaway, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB)

Knanisha Griggs, Maryhurst Adrian Grisanti, Our Place D'Shawn Johnson, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB)

Jamie Keith, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (YSCI)

Anna Lane, Family Worship Center

Faye Leavell, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB)

Lucille B. Leggett, Russell Neighborhood

Joy McCoy, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs - Parkland Center

Robin Nelson, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs - Portland Center

Channa Newman, Louisville Metro Health Department *Tanyeka Percentie, Family Worship Center Latasha Peterson, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (NYB)

Donna Quiggins, Farnsley Middle School

Jen Radandt, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development (YSCI)

Heather Smith, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development Tim Veek, Portland United Methodist Church

*Recognized for attending every single training in 2004. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this FREE training should contact Sandy Lewis at: **sandyc.lewis@loukymetro.org** or 574-1367.

YSCI Business Partners are those companies offering internships to the 14-15 YSCI students prepared for work through the YSCI jobreadiness training program. Businesses recognized:

Bahe & Cook, Attorneys-at-Law Catholic Charities Clothe-A-Child, Inc. Community Action Partnership The Courier Journal Exclusively for You Gina's Hair Gallery KentuckianaWorks Metro Government TV Omni Medical Associates Perk it Up Hair Salon Presbyterian Community Center **Q-Ball Clothiers** Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs, Park Duvalle Speed Art Museum University of Louisville Undergraduate Studies Urban Medical Mobility Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP

amily Health Centers, Inc. to Present Free Lunch & Learn Series. Beginning Tuesday, April 12, a monthly Lunch & Learn series will be offered to patients of Family Health Centers, ages 18 and over. Topics will include depression, anxiety, and how to talk to your doctor. Patients are encouraged to bring a friend and join us at the Portland Avenue clinic for lunch while learning more about these topics. Other topics will be added, based on patients' interests. A brown bag lunch will be provided. There is no cost for attending, but to be sure we have enough lunches, please call Dodie Leffler at 772-8370 to register.

wo Great Events Combine to Make One Fantastic Fair! For the past few years, Louisville Metro Human Services has sponsored a Community Resource Expo at Memorial Auditorium. The event has been so well-received that it has outgrown that space entirely. Meanwhile, the Office for Youth Development has sponsored a Youth Career Fair, which has always attracted a large number of people. For 2005, the two events are combining into one larger, new event:

The Family Resource Fair! The Fair, sponsored by Louisville Metro Human Services, is going to be held at Louisville Gardens on June 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be information booths of all kinds there:

- Social Service Agencies
- Employers for Youth
- Youth Service Agencies
- And More!

For agencies in our community, the Fair will offer a variety of opportunities. Those who work with youth can connect them to possible job options. Other clients can come and receive information on a variety of services. Agency staff can network and gain new resource information. And, agencies who have booths at the fair will have a tremendous outreach opportunity.

Anyone wishing to have a booth should complete the form found elsewhere in this Communiqué. Booth space is free, but space is limited. Agencies can reserve one six-foot table for their booth set-up. Table cloths will be provided. Electricity is available, but must be requested. Agencies must supply their own power cords.

Deadline for booth sign up is May 15. Please contact Eddie Mitchell at

eddie.mitchell@loukymetro.org for more information.

ummer Lunch 2005

Planning Underway - CAP Now Accepting Site Applications. The Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership (CAP) has begun preparations for the 2005 Summer Lunch Program. The Summer Lunch Program provides a nutritious free breakfast, lunch, snack or dinner to youth 18 years of age and under and/or participants enrolled in public, private, non-profit school program established for the mentally or physically disabled.

The Summer Lunch Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Division of School & Community Nutrition of the KY Department of Education.

Letters of intent will be accepted through Friday, May 6th, 2005. Sites will be selected based on staffing and refrigeration capacity. All sites must provide two adults to attend site certification training. Selected sites will be located throughout Metro Louisville. Special menu needs should be indicated in the letter of intent. Any non-profit, community based organization, church, neighborhood council or other organization interested in participating as a Summer Lunch Program site should submit their letter of intent to:

Rhonda Wooten Summer Lunch Program Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership 1200 South Third St. Louisville, KY 40203 (502) 574-1157, ext. 340, or email at:

Rhonda. Wooten@loukymetro.org

This program will operate June 6th through August 12th. The goal is to provide well-balanced, nutritional meals for children and youth under the age of 18 years during the summer months.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability; there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

005 Summer Lunch
Open House—The Louisville Metro Community
Action Partnership (CAP)
has been the local sponsor of the
Summer Lunch Program for several years. CAP's Family Assis-

tance Division's Summer Lunch Program will host an open house on Thursday, May 19, 2005 from 4:00-7:00 PM. The event will take place at the Louisville Metro CAP Central Office, 1200 South 3rd Street in the rear building. For additional information call: (502) 574-1157, ext. 340, or email:

Rhonda.Wooten@loukymetro.org.

Last summer, the CAP Summer Lunch Program—

Operated for 10 weeks
Served over 270,856 meals
Served 5,954 children
Maintained 105 sites throughout
Jefferson County, KY.

YON (Louisville Youth Opportunity Network)
Closing. Although the sun is setting on the Louisville Youth Opportunity Network (LYON), there is a brighter future on the horizon for many of our city's youth.

Created as a result of the Department of Labor's effort to reach young people at risk of permanent joblessness, LYON has helped to prepare in-school and out-of-school youth, ages 14 to 21, who live in Metro Louisville's Empowerment Zone, for future employment by improving their occupational and educational skills and providing constant support and long-term follow-up services.

For almost five years, LYON has helped thousands of young people to improve their lives by preparing them for educational and workforce opportunities:

- Over 4,400 youth have enrolled in LYON since its beginning in 2000;
- 150 youth have attained a GED:
- 504 youth have enrolled in college;

- 746 youth have been placed in unsubsidized jobs, and
- 1,988 out-of-school youth have entered into post-secondary education, internships, or employment.

Funded by a Department of Labor grant administered by KentuckianaWorks, LYON will be closing on June 3, 2005. For more information, call 502-584-3680.

Coordination and Collaboration

cuses on addressing community issues.
Improving collaboration, countering negative stereotypes, ensuring gender equity, combating racism and other issues were on the agenda when dozens of community leaders, advocates and service providers gathered for the Louisville Women's Summit.

omen's Summit fo-

The Summit, co-hosted by Women4Women, an organization that works to improve the health and economic well-being of women, and the Louisville Metro Office for Women, a public policy and advocacy office of Louisville Metro government, was held March 7 on the campus of Bellarmine University. Participants convened around a central question: "What can we do to celebrate and inspire connections supporting girls, women and families in our community?"

Women representing business, education, social services, the arts, health care, philanthropy, publishing, government and other areas participated in the Summit, focusing their conversations on issues that included:

- Education, including higher education for low-income, single mothers
- Gender equity
- Housing



Gabriela Alcalde (right), Director, Louisville Metro Office for Women and Ann Coffey (left), Executive Director, Women4Women

- Racism and its impact on the community
- How arts and culture can better connect women and girls
- Mentoring
- Empowering women's selfsufficiency
- Women's representation on corporate boards
- Collaborative grant writing
- Leadership development
- Supporting women with children to help them recover from addictions
- Sexual health and education
- Girls' portrayal in the media and positive self-images
- Teen pregnancy and parenting
- Aging
- · Early care and education

Suggestions ranged from the personal – such as advocating for issues with elected representatives – to the programmatic – including child care on the agenda of business and economic development group discussions.

Mayor Jerry Abramson encouraged the participants to include three areas of focus in their work: education, particularly the Every1Reads initiative; strengthening families by helping low-income citizens file for the federal earned income tax credit; and advocating with members of Congress to protect funding for vital programs.

The Louisville Women Listserv, to be moderated by the Metro Office for Women, was officially launched at the Summit. A voluntary network, the Listserv will allow quick electronic communication and a central venue for discussing and sharing information.

Contact: Ann Coffey, Executive Director of Women4Women, ann@w4w.org, (502)387-8869 or Gabriela Alcalde, Director, Louisville Metro Office for Women, ofw@loukymetro.org, (502)574-5375.

he Louisville Metro
Senior Nutrition Program is excited about
another service they
can provide to mobile

meal clients. The Courier-Journal has provided free newspapers to the school system through donations from its readers for many years, and has recently expanded this service to include Meals-on-Wheels. When a subscriber goes out of town, he/she can choose to donate their papers to the Jefferson County Public Schools or Meals-on-Wheels. The cost of the donated papers is then put into an account, which is used to purchase the papers distributed to JCPS or MOW.

The Courier-Journal began providing 125 papers to our homebound clients last August, and increased the amount to 150 in January. They have since had an overwhelming response from their readers and have accumulated enough funds to donate 800 papers on a daily basis for the rest of the year!

This is a wonderful opportunity to help homebound seniors. Many of them do not get the newspaper, and honestly cannot afford to do so. They can now get a free paper delivered with their meal, save some money, and still stay connected with the community.

Remember to donate your newspaper to Meals-on-Wheels the next time you go out of town.

II. Keeping Us Safe

Create a safer community through improved coordination, employee training and greater emphasis on prevention.

Safety

ealth Department
Develops News Tools
to Combat Terrorism.
The Louisville Metro
Health Department continues to be
a national leader in training public
health professionals throughout the
nation and world on how to respond
to emergencies, whether those
emergencies are the result of terrorism or natural disasters.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish a pocket guide for public health officials to use during the first 24 hours following a terrorist event or a natural disaster. The manual was developed by the Louisville Metro Health Department under contract with the CDC. The pocket guide will contain checklists of things to consider immediately after a community has experienced an act of biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism. The guide will also list things to do following a natural disaster such as a flood, an earthquake, a tornado, hurricane, or tsunami.

The Louisville Metro Health Department, in consultation with the CDC and the National Public

Health Development Network, is also establishing an Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute. At the direction of the CDC, the institute will be housed at the Heartland Center for Public Health Workplace Development at the St. Louis University School of Public Health.

Our Health Department has developed curricula for the institute and will select which scholars are eligible to attend from a list of candidates supplied by the CDC and by state health department directors. Louisville Metro Health Department Director, Dr. Adewale Troutman, will serve on a technical advisory committee for the institute. As a prerequisite for admittance to the institute, all candidates will be required to first successfully complete the Louisville Community Based Emergency Response Program.

The Louisville Community Based Emergency Response Program began in 2003 and is the only course of its kind in the nation. Public Health officials and other emergency responders from all over the world come to Louisville to study the systems our community has put in place to respond to acts of terrorism and natural disasters. The Louisville Metro Health Department offers the course under a contract with the CDC.

BE A CONTRIBUTOR

Share information about your Agency, program or services with other service providers.

Send your articles to: Communique_submissions@loukymetro.org.

***Reminder that CQ is a quarterly publication.



Top row: Dennis Enix, Safe Place YMCA; Rus Funk, Center for Women and Families. Sitting: Darrell Aniton, Louisville Metro Office for Youth Development; Gabriela Alcalde, Louisville Metro Office for Women; Cheryl Dolson, Safe and Drug Free Schools, JCPS

REVENT Institute/
Networking and Leadership Training. Representatives from Louisville
Metro and 11 other U.S. teams are
participating in the PREVENT Institute. The PREVENT Institute:
Developing Leaders in Violence
Prevention is an intensive 6-month
training opportunity that will help
multi-organizational teams prevent
violence before it starts. The Institute's goals are to:

- Enhance leadership for violence prevention and social change
- Plan, implement, evaluate and sustain evidence-based prevention efforts
- Communicate effectively with policy makers, media and other stakeholders
- Develop partnerships and extend networks

Representing Louisville's team are Darrell Aniton, Louisville Metro Office for Youth Development; Gabriela Alcalde. Louisville Metro Office for Women; Dennis Enix, YMCA Safe Place: Rus Funk, Center for Women and Families; and Cheryl Dolson, Safe and Drug-free Schools, Jefferson County Public Schools. The team's focus will be to expand upon the work of the Louisville Teen/Young Adult Dating Violence Coalition (LDVC). The LDVC was established in October 2002 to better coordinate violence prevention services and resources available in Jefferson County for teens and young adults.

Young people aged 15 - 25 are at the highest risk for being victimized, one of the highest groups for being abusive, and least likely to access services and resources. The LDVC focuses on the specific issues of dating violence and sexual assault pertinent to these age groups. The main goals of the dating abuse/sexual assault prevention effort in Louisville include:

- Use of education, awarenessraising, and communityorganizing elements in preventing violence
- Elimination of the dynamics and impacts of the various forms of violence
- Coordination of existing prevention efforts
- Development of gender specific efforts to combat dating abuse and sexual assault
- Development of culturally specific prevention efforts
- Development of coordinated media campaign

The team traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to be immersed in an intensive program. The program included panel discussions and sessions on Data & Best Evidence; Planning & Evaluation; Team Action Learning; Networking; Team Planning; Leadership Development; Team Building; Sustainability; Communication Skills; and Team Presentations. Teams attended up to 12-hour per day trainings and activities and will have a graduation ceremony at the end of the project.

PREVENT Institute is a component of the National Training Initiative for Injury and Violence Prevention and is supported by a cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Institute faculty includes experts in the fields of violence prevention, leadership development and public health from Johns Hopkins, Boston University and UNC Chapel Hill.

omfort Keepers' Tips to Avoid Scams Before They Start -- Excerpted from an article written by Allen Riggs for Comfort Keepers, a national franchise that offers companionship and other non-medical services for aging adults, new mothers and others needing assistance. For more information about Com-

fort Keepers, please visit www.comfortkeepers.com.

Some 25 million Americans were victims of fraud last year and scam artists heavily targeted seniors. Generational and economic factors contribute since many seniors remember a time when business was based on a handshake and trust. Older people are quicker to believe promises and slower to take action to protect legal rights. Many seniors live alone and are susceptible to "friendly" callers. Add this to the fact that older people own more than half of all financial assets in the U.S. and it becomes clear why scam artists target seniors.

This list includes some of the most common acts of fraud aimed at seniors and steps on how seniors can protect themselves from these scams:

SCAM 1 - TELEMARKETING FRAUD: Telemarketers call peo-

FRAUD: Telemarketers call people of all ages, backgrounds, and incomes, but up to 80 percent of their calls are to older consumers, often preying upon older people who are well educated, have above-average incomes and are socially active in their communities. Their sales pitches may include phony prizes, illegitimate sweepstakes, fake charities, and bogus investments.

STEPS TO TAKE:

- □ Never send money or give out personal information such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, dates of birth, or social security numbers to unfamiliar companies or unknown persons.
- ☐ If you have doubts about a telemarketer's legitimacy, ask for their company's name and address, along with a phone number where they can be contacted.
- ☐ Talk to family, friends, or call your lawyer, accountant or

- banker to get their advice before you make any large purchase or investment over the phone with a stranger.
- □ Check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups.
- □ Be sure to sign up for the Federal Trade Commission's Do-Not-Call-Registry. Telemarketers who continue to call you after you have registered are subject to penalties. You can sign up at www.donotcall.gov or at 888-382-1222.
- Don't forget you can simply hang up the phone when a stranger calls trying to sell you something you don't want!

SCAM 2 - HOME IMPROVE-MENT FRAUD: While most contracted home repairs are completed satisfactorily, fraudulent contractors can be very effective in making people think their services are needed. Home improvement contractors use several methods of targeting seniors: high-pressure phone calls, flyers, advertisements, and door-to-door-sales.

STEPS TO TAKE:

- Use a local well-established contractor. Ask for references and licenses, and check with other customers to find out if they were satisfied.
- □ Get competitive bids on all work and be wary of any bids that seem too good to be true. Don't accept high-pressure offers or offers that force you to make quick decisions.
- Determine exactly what work you want done. Make sure the project is explicitly described in your contract, in-

- cluding materials and labor specifics and dates for estimated start and completion.
- □ Never say "yes" to someone who wants money before the job is done or wants you to withdraw a large amount of money from your bank.
- ☐ Find out when and how payment and/or billing will take place before the work begins.
- ☐ Check to see that the work is complete and done correctly before paying.

SCAM 3 - DOOR-TO-DOOR

SALES: Seniors are frequent victims of door-to-door scams and high-pressure sales tactics. While some door-to-door salespeople are honest, the chances are likely that whomever answers the door is about to be swindled. Con-artists often try to coax seniors into buying unnecessary products or services ranging from living trusts to encyclopedias to household cleaning supplies. They usually appear friendly and sincere in their desire to help. In fact, they are successful because they seem so honest.

STEPS TO TAKE:

- □ Never allow anyone you don't know into your home. It is easier to close the door on them before they get in, than to get them out once they are inside.
- Don't buy on impulse. Tell the salesperson you will get back in touch with them after you have had a chance to carefully read all the materials given to you.
- □ Ask to see the salesperson's credentials and identification and request their business card. Many communities require door-to-door salespersons to have a permit. Other communities may have nosolicitation rules that could mandate you call security.

- Never give cash up front to a salesperson or rely on verbal promises for delivered goods.
- ☐ If you sign a contract, make sure that it is complete, signed, and dated. Get all terms in writing, including the total price, warranties, return policy, and all conditions of sale. Read it carefully; sometimes it's the "fine print" that can cost you thousands of dollars.
- □ Know that you can get out of a door-to-door sales contract within three business days. According to the FTC's "Cooling Off Rule," you have the right to cancel your contract for a full refund until midnight of the third business day after the sale, provided that you have a signed contract and the sale was over \$25. You do not have to have any reason for canceling.

If you are a senior or know a senior that has been a victim of fraud, be sure to report the act immediately. Seniors can contact the following agencies for more information:

Federal Trade Commission - www.ftc.gov or 877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) - The FTC enforces federal consumer protection laws that prevent fraud, deception, and unfair business practices. Whether combating telemarketing fraud, internet scams, or price-fixing schemes, the FTC's primary mission is to protect consumers.

Better Business Bureau -The BBB's mission is to promote and foster the highest ethical relationship between businesses and the public through voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education, and service excellence. You can find your local office on the BBB's Web site: www.bbb.org.

The National Fraud Information Center -The NFIC is a project of the National Consumers League and was designed to help people learn about fraud and file complaints. Additional information about how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud is listed on their Web site: www.fraud.org, or by calling 800-876-7060.

American Association of Retired Persons - www.aarp.org - AARP provides seniors with information on financial planning, using home equity, avoiding fraud, and consumer rights.

Health

amily Health Centers Participating in Health **Disparities Collabora**tives. With a goal of improving the delivery of health care, Family Health Centers, Inc. is redesigning the way it provides treatment to patients with diabetes and depression. The Health Disparities Collaborative was launched by the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to eliminate disparities in the delivery of health care to racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations. In accordance with this goal, the initial aim is to decrease or delay the complications of chronic disease, decrease the economic burden for patients and the community. and improve access to quality chronic disease care. A distinctive feature of this care model is the focus on patients' needs and selfmanagement of symptoms, which ultimately means system-wide changes to achieve the desired outcomes. Community health centers participating in the Collaborative receive training in researchedbased care, faculty support to guide implementation of the changes, an electronic patient registry system designed around evidence-based

guidelines, and technical assistance and expertise to allow successful implementation. Participating health centers agree to adopt shared national measures. FHC chose to initiate the Diabetes Collaborative first at the Portland Avenue clinic and is now spreading the model to other sites. The Depression collaborative was next initiated at FHC's Fairdale clinic with a registry of 100 patients. That site is now preparing for spread of this care model to additional patients.

EMS – Through a partnership with UofL Kent School, UofL Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine, Bellarmine's Physical Therapy Program, Kentucky Area Health Education Centers and the McConnell Technology and Training Center, the Geriatric Evaluation and Self-Management Services project collaborates with older persons, their families and caregivers to create individualized health/ wellness plans, facilitating access to resources and network support, and providing in-home technology to help older persons continue living independently.

Areas of assessment include:

- Functional assessment
- Mental status assessment
- Social assessment
- Environmental assessment

Learning components include:

- An understanding of one's own health
- How to manage one's own health
- How to use resources to stay healthy

Participant criteria includes:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Have primary care physician
- Have had no major medical events during last 6 months

- Have permanent address
- Be able to read basic health related information
- Not having an acute medical or mental health condition
- Not having ongoing home healthcare
- Not having cognitive impairment (unless caregiver able to meet with team)

For more information contact: Patricia Desrosiers, GEMS Intake Coordinator, 852-1964 or send email to: *gemsteam@louisville.edu*.

III. Promoting Education and Growing Jobs

Promote education to create better opportunities for all citizens and develop a higher skilled, knowledge-based workforce. Attract and nurture businesses and provide better paying jobs.

Education

ATS testing is upon us!
Students and teachers in
Kentucky's public elementary, middle, and
high schools, including
Jefferson County Public Schools
(JCPS) will be engaged in taking
the Commonwealth Accountability
Testing System (CATS) assessments. Tests will be taken the two
weeks between April 18 and 29,
2005.

What is CATS? CATS is the testing system that holds schools accountable for student learning and performance and is made up of several parts. The goal is for all schools to score 100 by 2014. Last year JCPS students made greater gains at every level on the CATS assessments than did the students in all other school districts in Kentucky.

Health Requirement Information For Parents Enrolling Students In Jefferson County Public Schools 2005 - 06

I. IMMUNIZATIONS

- A. Present documentation by your doctor or previous school of a complete shot history to the Kentucky school (complete list of dates (month/day/year) for all vaccines administered since birth).
- B. Proof of immunization is due within two weeks after the first day of attendance in a Kentucky School.
- C. The vaccine record for your child may be reviewed by the Louisville Metro Health Department. If additional vaccinations are needed, you will be notified.

II. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- A. Present the completed Preventative Health Care Examination form for Kentucky school children within two (2) months after the first day of attendance in a Kentucky school.
- B. The examination may be performed by a physician, ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner), physician assistant, or EPSDT provider from any state.
- C. This form must be submitted as proof of an examination that <u>has</u> <u>been given</u> no earlier than one (1) year prior to or sixty days after the first day of attendance in a Kentucky School.
- D. There are two grade appropriate forms used to document medical examinations:
 - 1. Head Start through 4th grade: Preventative Health Care Examination **Initial Entry Form**
 - 2. Grades 5th through 12th: Preventative Health Care Examination Sixth Grade Form

III. VISION EXAMINATIONS

- A. This requirement is for students who have <u>never attended a public school</u> <u>and</u> who are ages 3, 4, 5 & 6 years.
- B. Present the completed <u>Kentucky Vision Examination</u> form **no** later than January 1 of the first year that the child is enrolled in a public school, public preschool or Head Start. The examination must <u>be completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.</u>

IV. TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

A. Effective July 15, 1998, tuberculosis testing is **no longer** required for school entry.

CONTACT: Jefferson County Public School's Office of Health Services; Phone: (502) 485-3103 or 485-3387

Which students are tested, and on which subjects are they tested?

- Students are tested on different subjects in different grade levels.
- Students in grades three, six, and nine take the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS/5) to test their reading, mathematics, and language arts skills.
- Students in grades four and seven take the reading and science sections of the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT). In addition, they complete an on-demand-writing assessment and a writing portfolio.
- Students in grades five and eight take the mathematics, social studies, arts and humanities, and practical living sections of the KCCT.
- Students in grade ten take the reading and practical living sections of the KCCT.
- Grade eleven students are assessed in the areas of mathematics, science, social studies, and arts and humanities.
- Gradetwelve students complete a writing portfolio and an on-demand-writing assessment.

Parents can help by:

- Making sure their child is well rested, eats a nutritious breakfast, and dresses comfortably.
- Encouraging their child to do their best.
- Reducing their child's anxiety, instructing them to listen carefully and ask questions.
- Reminding their child to read each question carefully, answering the easy questions first and going back to the hard ones if time allows.

For more information: *www.jcpsky.net*.

esources to Provide Academic Help to Children in Need. Under President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act, faith-based and community organizations are eligible to receive federal funds to provide extra academic help to students in certain schools that need improvement. These supplemental educational services are additional academic instruction designed to increase the academic achievement of students in low-performing schools. Services must be provided outside of the regular school day and may include academic assistance such as tutoring, remediation, and other educational interventions.

Providers of supplemental services may include non-profit entities, for-profit entities, local educational agencies, public schools, public charter schools, private schools, public or private institutions of higher education, and faith-based organizations. Organizations must apply to state departments of education to become an approved provider. The funding for this program is not a grant, but organizations receive a fee-for-service through a contract with local school districts.

The Kentucky Department of Education accepts new applications on a quarterly basis. Submission windows are as follows:

May 30—June 30 at 4 p.m. September 15—October 15 at 4 p.m.

Following is the contact information and web site for Kentucky:

Faith Thompson, Branch
Manager
Kentucky Department of
Education
Division of Federal Programs &
Instructional Equity
500 Main Street, 8th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tel: (502) 564-3791
E-mail: fthompson@kde.state.ky.us
Web site for Application: http://
www.education.ky.gov/KDE/
Administrative+Resources/
Finance+and+Funding/
Federal+Program+
Funding/Title+Programs/
Supplemental+Services.htm

For the federal web site and more information about Supplemental Services, including a technical assistance Web cast and sample quality proposal, please visit: http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/suppservices.html.



dult Education is Absolutely Essential!
Adult Education is absolutely essential to Kentucky. Without Adult Education, the cycles of under-education and poverty – and their ensuing effects – will never be broken. For many Kentuckians, Adult Education is the gateway to employment and postsecondary education, which lead to a higher standard of living, to a better quality of life and to better-educated children.

Despite Kentucky's progress in Adult Education and pre-K-12 programs, many adults are still struggling. Nearly one in five Kentuckians lack a high school diploma or GED. In Jefferson County alone, 120,274 adult residents function at the lowest literacy levels and cannot read a bus schedule, safety manual, note from teacher or doctor, or menu.

According to the Kentucky Adult Literacy Survey (1997), 40% (almost one million) of the 2.4 million working-age adults in Kentucky function at the two lowest levels of literacy and are more likely to live at or below the poverty level. More education leads to more (and better) employment, which, in turn, leads to a better economy.

GED graduates earn an average of \$7,216 more per year than nongraduates. The potential increased earnings for the 9,740 Kentucky GED graduates in 2004 will be more than \$1.4 billion over a 20-year period. [Mortenson's "Postsecondary Education Opportunity" median earnings in 2002 (U.S.)] The increase in earning potential positively impacts GED graduates and their families, as well as state tax revenues.

A U.S. Department of Education study states that a parent is a child's first and best teacher; the greatest indicator of a child's educational success is the educational attainment level of his mother. Adult Education programs prepare parents to be full partners in the education of their children; bettereducated parents are more involved in their children's education.

The 2000 U.S. Census indicated that there were 124,281 legal immigrants/refugees residing in Kentucky, and these numbers have grown exponentially. The Hispanic population in Jefferson County alone is estimated to be nearly 12,500. These immigrants and refugees have the potential to be valuable, well-educated members of the Kentucky workforce. (In fact, many of these individuals held positions of high esteem in their own countries but lack the language skills to hold similar positions in the United States.) The English as a Second Language (ESL) services offered by Adult Education providers are an essential piece of ensuring these new residents' success.

The issues addressed above leave no doubt that Adult Education is Absolutely Essential!

entuckianaWorks Establishes Education-Friendly Employer Network. As part of Metro Louisville's efforts to raise the educational attainment levels of our workforce. Kentuckiana-Works has established an Education-Friendly Employer Network. Education-Friendly Employers are those who realize the importance of helping employees reach their educational potential. They offer assistance and incentives toward higher education for employees, such as payment for books and tuition, flexible hours, and promotions based on educational attainment. In the initial phase of this Education-Friendly Employer initiative, employers are invited to fill out a brief, five-question, online survey at: www.kentuckianaworks.org.

With information obtained from the survey, KentuckianaWorks will be able to provide essential workforce data, including:

- Valuable information on education-friendly trends.
- A useful, interactive Education-Friendly Employer guide which will allow users to determine education-friendly employers and types of assistance and incentives toward higher education offered by each employer.
- A Guide to Greater Louisville's Education-Friendly Employers.

Employers who complete the survey will automatically become members of the free Education-Friendly Employer Network, and member benefits include:

- Promotion of their business to the community, schools, graduates and potential employees.
- Recognition that they are helping Greater Louisville's citizens "Go Higher" in their educational attainment.
- An annual report highlighting education-friendly best practices in the region.
- Recognition on Kentuckiana-Works website, in print and media, and at the KentuckianaWorks Excellence in Workforce Achievement Awards (KEWA) event.
- Eligibility to be nominated for the Education-Friendly Employer of the Year Award given at the KEWA event.
- An Education-Friendly Employer Network window sticker.

Go to www.kentuckianaworks.org for more information on Kentuckiana-Works, and to view the survey, click on the Education-Friendly Employer Network link.

Employment

entuckianaWorks To Host Summer Youth Job Fair. KentuckianaWorks is hosting a Summer Youth Job Fair on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Kentuckiana-Works' One-Stop Career Center at the Office of Employment and Training, 600 West Cedar.

"If you're between the ages of 16 and 21 and you're looking for summer employment, then KentuckianaWorks Summer Job Fair is for you," says Jack Howard, Deputy Director for KentuckianaWorks, "Young people will be able to check out hundreds of the city's summer job opportunities at the event, ranging from jobs at the Louisville

Zoo to lifeguard jobs."

Representatives from the Metro Parks Department, the Louisville Zoo, Metro Health Department, the Community Action Partnership, the Louisville Free Public Library and other Louisville Metro Government agencies will be on hand promoting summer positions within their departments.

"The goal of this job fair is to connect young people with summer employment and to help them develop positive life skills and practical experience," said Mayor Jerry Abramson. "As a result of this employment drive, young people have access to city employment and the city has access to a valuable pool of motivated employees."

"Hopefully through this job fair, youth in our area will be able to step into the workforce and become equipped with many valuable employment tools that they'll be able to use in the future," added Howard.

For more information on the KentuckianaWorks Summer Youth Job Fair, please call Jack Howard at (502) 574-2500.

IV. Enhancing Neighborhoods & Protecting Our Quality of Life

Create strong neighborhoods and protect and improve our Louisville quality of life.

Community Resources

rand Opening-April
11, 2005 - The Shawnee
Intergenerational Nutrition Center, located at
Shawnee High School, 4018 West
Market room #152 reopened on
April 11, 2005. Hours of operation
are Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30. For
additional information, please contact Michelle Lloyd, Intergenera-

tional Program Manager at (502) 776-7415.

The senior center is open to the public and designed to provide senior citizens age 60 and older a place to join neighbors and friends for lunch and participate in a wide range of activities. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Lunch is provided by JCPS and served at 11:30 am during school days. When school is not in session meals are then catered by Masterson's Restaurant and served at 11:15. Call one day in advance to make a meal reservation. Transportation is also available through Red Cross Wheels.

Louisville Metro Human Service's Nutrition Program is funded in part under a contract with KIPDA through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Neighborhood Place

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South Central plays role in Neighborhood Safety Task Force. In July 2004, a task force was formed to look at ways to help reduce the crime rate in the immigrant communities of South Louisville. Louisville Metro Police Department's (LMPD) Fourth Division launched this effort, with an initial focus on the Americana Apartments. Other member representatives of the task force include Louisville Metro Human Services, Neighborhood Place South Central (NPSC), Louisville Metro Office for International Affairs, Americana Apartment Management Staff, the Americana Community Center and resident leaders. The mission of the group is to work toward fostering better relationships and improving communications between LMPD and Americana neighborhood residents by breaking through language barriers. This will be accomplished through the following efforts:

- Strengthening community partnerships and increasing community involvement;
- Increasing crime prevention and awareness among residents; and
- Increasing visibility/ approachability of LMPD in the community.

Currently, the task force is organizing a neighborhood Blockwatch group and is looking for interested area residents and business owners to participate. For more information on getting involved with a Blockwatch group in this area contact: Lt. Chris Gay, Louisville Metro Police Department, Fourth Division, 574-7010.



Bulletin Board





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SPECIAL EVENTS AND BENEFITS

pring Zing to Benefit LDS May 19. "Spring Zing," an auction/ tasting featuring Coach Bobby Petrino and Louisville's very nicest restaurants, will be held from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., May 19, at The Olmsted (3701 Frankfort Avenue). There will be tons of live/ silent auction items. Emcees will be husband/wife team Gary Fogle and Rachel Platt. For information on tickets, volunteering, sponsoring a table, or donating an auction item: bwiley@LDSinc.org or 581-0658 x 14. Also see www.LDSinc.org. And it's all to benefit Louisville Diversified Services, Kentucky's largest employer of adults with mental retardation.

treet Ball Showdown
June 25 and 26. The
2005 LG&E Energy Foundation Street Ball Showdown will be held on June 25 and
26 at the corner of Witherspoon and Preston streets near Waterfront Park. The showdown is an annual three-on-three, half-court

basketball tournament. Teams of four players are placed in divisions based on height, playing experience, and age (starting at eight years old). Each year, the Street Ball Showdown attracts about 2,500 players and 50,000 spectators.

If you register by Monday, May 30, the fee is \$94 per team. After May 30, the fee is \$114 per team. The final registration deadline is Monday, June 13. You can save \$5 if you register online by May 30 at www.streetballshowdown.com. For more details, contact the Street Ball Office at street-ball@cabbagepatch.org or at 636-1888. Registered players will receive a commemorative T-shirt and will be able to play in at least three games. The showdown exclu-

sively benefits The Cabbage Patch

Settlement House, a 94-year-old,

nonprofit, Christian organization.

CONFERENCES, STAFF TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

MPD Citizens Police Academy Seeks New Participants. The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to educate the public about the police services delivered by the Louisville Metro Police Department, in order to foster understanding and community support for the department. This is part of the department's initiative to build partnerships within the communities we serve. The Louisville Metro Police Department has prepared a comprehensive training program to provide Citizens Police Academy participants with an overview of the various districts, units, and functions of the police department. The Academy is held twice a year, in March and September. LMPD is now accepting applications for the September class.

The course will include an orientation to all police operations, including hiring, training, laws of arrest, patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigation,

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Receive Bulletin Board updates in your email every month! Every month, at or around the 15th, the Communiqué update is emailed out, featuring updated information about events, meetings, and trainings, many of them received after the current issue has been published. If you would like to receive this once a month mailing, send your email address to eddie.mitchell@loukymetro.org. Items for inclusion in the update mailing and the Bulletin Board section of Communiqué can also be sent to that address.

drug enforcement and prevention, internal affairs and discipline procedures, helicopter operations, SWATT, crisis negotiations, canine unit, and police/media relations. Participants will have the opportunity to schedule a ride-along with a patrol officer in one of our ten patrol districts and visit our telecommunications center.

Citizens who would like more information can contact Officer Minerva Virola at (502) 367-7238 or (502) 432-2263.

ealth Department
Offers Diabetes Class
May 10. The Chronic
Disease Prevention
Team at the Louisville Metro
Health Department will have a
"Primary Prevention-Prevent Type
2 Diabetes" class on May 10, from
1:30 to 3:30pm at the Shively Municipal Building, 3920 Dixie Highway. For information call The
Chronic Disease Prevention Team
at (502) 574-6663.

ent School of Social
Work Spring Conference May 11 and 12.
The Conference will be
held at Executive West
Hotel and feature sessions on
"Strategies for Turning Doing Into
Learning," Ethics, and HIV/AIDS.
Email Linda Exton at
linda.e@louisville.edu for details.

LC Audio conferences.—Louisville Metro Human Services has been hosting audio conferences from the National League of Cities' Institute of Youth Education and Families. LMHS provides space and handles the registration and technical aspects of the conference. Each audio conference lasts about an hour. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome; just send an email to eddie.mitchell@loukymetro.org. Upcoming topics

and dates:

May 19: Connecting School and After School - (12:30 p.m.)

June 16: Strategies for Financing Local Initiatives - (2:30 p.m.)

ent School Prospective Student Information Session May 2.
The University of Louisville's Kent School of

Social Work announces an informal way to learn more about our Master's program in social work. We are holding small group sessions designed to provide prospective students with information that will help them find out if a career in social work is right for them. Topics scheduled will cover curriculum, application, financial aid, special programs and more. Sessions are open to undergraduate students and to members of the community who are interested in earning a Master of Science in Social Work. The meeting will be held at Oppenheimer Hall on the Belknap Campus. Please RSVP to Maureen Slaton at maureen.slaton@ louisville.edu or (502) 852-0414.

NPE Classes in May.
Center for Non-Profit Excellence seminars in May include Trends in Healthcare, Developing Dynamic Boards, Starting a Non-Profit, and more. For full course descriptions, fees, and registration information, visit www.cnpe.org.

CHANGES AND INTRODUCTIONS

t. Matthews Area Ministries Moves Child Development Center. St.
MAM will be relocating its
Child Development Center from

Broadway Baptist to Lyndon Baptist during Memorial Day Weekend. The program has a long and illustrious history, having started the first before and after school program known in Kentucky. The CDC operates Infant/Toddler care, Before and After School care, and a Preschool. Contact Tina Carder, Director, at 895-4656 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

mbudsman Program Awarded Grant to Develop Website. The Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program of the KIPDA District based in Louisville, Kentucky, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky as part of the Foundation's Community Grants Program. The grant will be used to design, launch and operate an Internet website offering a useful source of reliable and unbiased information to persons seeking information about nursing or personal care homes. The site will provide practical guidance on how to select a long-term care facility, how to find help with problems, and how to deal with poor care providers and facilities. The KIPDA District LTC Ombudsman Program serves Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble Counties. The new website will enhance the work of the KIPDA Long Term Care volunteer and professional Ombudsman staff in Louisville. Website users will be able to file complaints on line and request specific information as well as find links to other related organizations. The KIPDA LTC Ombudsman Program was among 23 organizations receiving a Community Grant from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

entucky's First Accredited Immigration Specialists. Kentucky Refugee Ministries is proud to be the first agency in the state of Kentucky with accredited immigration specialists. After more than a year of extensive training, two employees were recently accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals, within the United States Department of Justice. They are now able to function as fully licensed immigration lawyers before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. The purpose of the accreditation process is to allow community organizations to provide affordable yet effective immigration counseling to individuals who cannot afford to pay private attorney's fees.

We are now offering a full range of immigration services, including but not limited to: Green Cards, Naturalization, Family Petitions, and Employment Authorization. In addition, we teach multiple classes every week to prepare applicants for their citizenship interviews.

Please contact our accredited immigration specialists Kris Herwig and Marty Anderson at (502) 479-9180 for further information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

roject Warm Seeks
Volunteers. Project
Warm is looking for volunteers to assist with a range of jobs, from office work to weatherization assistance. For more information, contact Frank Schwartz at (502) 636-9276 or email frank@projectwarm.org.

Are You 16 – 21 and Looking for Summer Employment???

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Then YOU need to attend...



When? Saturday, April 30, 2005 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where?
KentuckianaWorks One-Stop Career Center
@ The Office of Employment & Training
600 West Cedar Street

Job Fair Attendees can meet and interview with representatives from:

- The Metro Parks Department!
- The Louisville Zoo!
- The Louisville Metro Health Department!
- The Community Action Partnership!
- The Louisville Free Public Library!
- The Jefferson County Public Schools' Pathfinders Network!

Be sure to tell your friends about the Summer Youth Job Fair!
For more information, contact KentuckianaWorks at
502.574.2500

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SERVICE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES!

RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS!



A Three Ring Circus of

Information, Resources, and Opportunities!

Your agency or organization is invited to have a booth at the Family Resource Fair if you:

- · Have employment opportunities for youth
- · Provide services to youth or families
- Provide social services in the Louisville Metro area

Please complete the form below and return it no later than May 15.

Agency/Organization	
Mailing Address	
Contact Name for Fair	
Contact Phone Contact Fax	
Contact Email	Special Needs for Booth:
Return to: Eddie Mitchell Louisville Metro Human Services 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville KY 40204 You can also fax forms to: 574-6554 Or email information to eddie.mitchell@loukymetro.org	

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